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TROY ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

TROY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Troy, Pike County, Alabama,

Commencing Tuesday, October 10, 1899.

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MINUTES.

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Troy Baptist Association convened with Troy church, at Troy, Alabama, Oct. 10th, 1899.

The former Moderator and Clerk being absent, Bro. N. C. Underwood was called to the chair as temporary Moderator, and Bro. Joel D. Murphree as temporary Clerk.

The letters from the following churches were then read and were found to be duly represented as follows:

Bethlehem—H. A. Patterson, W. R. Vance and J. H. Pinckard.

Hephzibah—J. T. Green, E. A. McPherson and W. P. Cox.

Orion—J. S. Yarbrough, J, A. Chancey, W. G. Chanchey and James C. Pennington.

Salem—N. C. Underwood, H. A. McLane and J. H. Adams.

Shiloh—R. B. Parks, J. R. Turner, J. H. Cotton and M. A. Wood.

Ansley—W. H. Barnett, J. T. McLeod.

Troy—L. H. Bowles, J. L. Youngblood, A. B. Campbell, E. M. Shackelford, Joel D. Murphree, J. S. Carroll, John E. Moore, Abner Campbell, R. D. Locke, Casper Boyd, O. C. Wiley, W. L. Hendrick, J. L. Trotman, J. P. Hubbard, J. P. Wood, M. N. Carlisle, Josiah Jernigan and W. F. Beard.

The Association then went into election of permanent officers, which resulted as follows: N. C. Underwood, Moderator; Josiah Jernigan, Clerk, and F. H. Allred, Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed to report at this meeting:

On Religious Services—A. B. Campbell and delegates from Troy church.

On Finance—J. S. Carroll, M. A. Wood and W. F. Beard.

On Documents and Requests—H. A. McLane J. H. Pinckard and T. E. Mallory.

On Nominations—W. H. Barnett, R. B. Parks and J. P. Wood.

On motion the Introductory Sermon was postponed until 7:30 p. m.

On motion the order of business adopted at the last session of this Association was adopted. Visiting brethren invited to seats with us.

On motion of Bro. A. B. Campbell the usual courtesies were extended to the visiting brethren of all denominations.

The hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed as follows: Meet at 9 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at 12 m.; reassemble at 2 o'clock p. m., and adjourn at will; reassemble at 7:30 p. m., and adjourn at will.

Called for correspondence and received the following:

Eld. J. W. Stewart, Orphanage, Evergreen.

Eld. J. A. Howard, Alabama Baptist.

Eld. A. P. Pugh, Union Springs.

Eld. S. O. Y. Ray and Bro. W. C. Jordan, Eufaula, Association.

Eld. W. A. Parker, Jr., Pea River Associations.

Bro. J. B. Andrews, Montgomery Associations.

Eld. G S. Anderson, State Institute Board.

Eld. Geo. B. Eager, State Board of Missions.

Elders J. J. Nelson, D. B. Mills, Bros. G. W. Harden, W. B. Darby and C. N. Mallett, Salem Association.

Eld. A. J. Preston, Evangelist for South Aalabama.

The Moderator then appointed Bros. W. H. Barnett and J. H. Adams to fill the vacancy on the committee on Education.

It was agreed to give Bros. J. W. Stewart and G. S. Anderson from 3 o'clock until 5 o'clock to present the claims of the Orphanage and the State Institute Work.

A petitionary letter from Friendship Baptist church, holding a letter from Montgomery Baptist Association, was received and the right hand of fellowship was cordially extended by the Moderator, and the following brethren enrolled as their delegates—C. V. Collins and J. B. Andrews.

The Association then adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m.

Petitionary letter from Good Hope Baptist church, holding a letter from the Salem Baptist Association, received and the right hand of Fellowship was extended to their delegates—Bros. J. W. Howard, H. A. Howard and C. C. King.

The letter from Siloam Baptist church was read and their delegates enrolled—J. W. Dickinson, T. L. Head, Jr.

The letter from Mt. Pleasant Baptist church was read and their delegates enrolled—H. W. Griggs, F. B. Williams, R. W. Scarbrough and J. W. Dawkins.

On call of miscellanious business, Bro. A. B. Campbell read the report of the committee made in 1899 to the Southern Baptist Convention on the celebration of the year 1900, and a committee consisting of Bros. A. B. Campbell, J. W. Dickinson and M. A. Wood was appointed to report on the same to this session of the Association.

On motion of Bro. J. P. Wood the committee from the Salem Association was received in their official capacity, and that a like committee of ten be appointed to confer with them, looking to the consolidation of the Salem and Troy Associations; said committee consisting of J. L. Youngblood, M. N. Carlisle, R. B. Parks, H. A. McLane, L. H. Bowles, W. H. Barnett, J. D. Murphree, M. A. Wood, J. W. Dickinson, J. W. Howard.

The following brethren compose the Committee from the Salem Association: T. W. Law, J. H. Stephens, C. M. Logan, J. F. Brightwell, C. T. Spradley, U. S. Fuller, D. B. Mills, G. W. Harden, J. R. G. Mills, W. B. Darby.

On motion Bro. Geo. B Eager, of Montgomery, was allowed 20 minutes to present the claims of the Alabama Baptist which he did in a very impressive manner.

The following report on the Baptist Orphanage was read by W. H. Barnett and after discussion by Bro. J. W. Stewart, was unanimously adopted—a collection amounting to $14.75 was taken for the Home.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage has been in operation little more than six years. During this time we have received into it 49 boys and 69 girls, and out of it have gone 28 boys and 27 girls, leaving in the Institution 21 boys and 42 girls—63 in all.

These children came from twenty-four counties, as follows: Autauga, 2; Barbour, 8; Bibb, 2; Butler, 3; Conecuh, 2; Covington, 8; Elmore, 2; Escambia, 11; Hale, 2; Henry, 4; Jefferson, 15; Lamar, 1; Lee, 10; Limestone, 1; Marengo, 4; Monroe, 4; Morgan, 3; Montgomery, 7; Pike, 2; Russell, 1; Talladega, 8; Tallapoosa, 2; Tuscaloosa, 9; Walker, 6.

The Home is situated on Main Street, next door to the Agricultural School, where no tutition is charged, and where all of our children, that are old enough, attend.

The boys are taught to work on the farm, and the girls to do various kinds of house work. The crop the boys were making this year, was greatly damaged by a hail-storm early in June.

Mrs. C. W. Ansley, who had been Matron since the Home began, retired from the work with the beginning of this year, and Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, of Greensboro, was elected to fill that position.

It is gratifying to note the continued improvement in the domestic life of the children. The Matron has arranged one of the rooms for a chapel, and every Sunday afternoon a happy band make melody their hearts to the Lord.

During this year the children have been put in uniforms, which adds much to their appearance and is no more expensive than their former dress. It promotes family life.

It takes about ten dollars a day to support the family, besides what they get in goods. They have no income except the offerings of their friends. "It is more blessed to give than receive."

W. H. BARNETT, Ch'n.

Bro. G. S. Anderson was given an opportunity to present the work of the Institute Board and at the conclusion of his remarks a collection was taken for the work, and the delegates agreed to ask their churches for the following amounts: Ansley church, $5.00; Salem church, $5.00; Shiloh church, $5.00; Troy church, $50.00; Good Hope church, $5.00. A collection amounting to $4.71 was taken to be credited on said amounts.

Adjourned until 7:30 o'clock to night.

7:30 p. m., the Association reassembled and the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. I. A. White, of Dothan, from 2 Cor. 5:10; Roman 14:12; Acts 17:31. The Association then adjourned until tomorrow at 8:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order at 8:30 by the Moderator and opened with devotional exercises conducted by Eld. W. A. Parker, Jr.

The Moderator appointed Bros. Joel D. Murphree, H. A. Patterson, F. B. Williams, to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Temperance.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

The Moderator appointed Bros. J. T. Green, J. R. Turner to fill vacancy on Committee on Indigent Ministers.

On call for Correspondence, Bro. J. M. Loflin from Salem Association was enrolled.

The Treasurer elected yesterday, Bro. F. H. Allred, not being a delegate and not being present, the vote was reconsidered and Bro. M. A. Wood was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Bro. A. B. Campbell presented the following report on the resolutions in reference to observing the year 1900, and after discussion by A. B. Campbell, J. W. Dickinson, was adopted:

ON OBSERVING THE YEAR 1900.

Your special committee on the proposition of the Southern Baptist Convention, "that the year 1900 be observed as a memorial year by our Baptist churches," beg leave to report that the Convention itself has outlined the place and manner of the observance of the year by district

associations and churches, and has appointed a committee to have the direction of the movement, and according to that plan it is expected that the Baptist Convention of Alabama will, through a committee of its own, appoint committees in the District Associations for the management of the business in their several districts. It is also true that the year will be specially observed in one way and another throughout the civilized world by institutions and organizations of all kinds, secular and religious, and eminently by various christian denominations. In view of these facts we offer the following:

Resolved 1st, That this Association will heartily unite with our brethren throughout the South in the proposed observance of the closing year of the century, and do hereby recommend all our churches to do likewise.

Resolved 2nd, That we request the committee hereafter to be appointed in this Association by a committee of the Alabama Baptist Convention, to act with promptness and energy in the prosecution of the work within our bounds.

Resolved 3rd, That we heartily endorse the request of the Southern Baptist Convention, "that every church hold at least one meeting each quarter" in the interest of the above "Twentieth Century Movement," and do commend the same to the special attention of our pastors.

A. B. CAMPBELL.
J. W. DICKINSON. } Com.
M. A. WOOD.

The Executive Committee, through its chairman, Eld. A. B. Campbell, made it's annual report, and after a discussion of the report by Eld. N. C. Underwood, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Shortly after your last session the committee met and attended to the matters you referred to its consideration, as shown in the following statements, and sent a circular letter to all the churches informing them of its proceedings.

Having been instructed to appoint a time for your present meeting, the committee was led to believe that 10 o'clock a. m., October 10th, would perhaps be most generally acceptable to the churches, and accordingly fixed upon that day and hour.

Bro. L. H. Bowles was again appointed Sunday-school Evangelist, without pay, and according to his opportunities, has rendered valuable service in that capacity, for which the Association and friends of the cause owe him much gratitude. The churches were urged to carry on their Sunday-schools through all seasons of the year, and to make their houses of worship comfortable for that purpose. Bro. Joel D. Murphree, Secretary of the committee, generously offered to bear one third of the expense necessary for such improvement of the church buildings. Our people cannot but appreciate this and many other deeds of liberality that have characterized the life of our honored brother.

For lack of funds the committee has not been able to inaugurate colportage. This condition is to be deeply deplored. The men and women of our section are badly in need of the benefits to be derived from wholesome literature, and the boys and girls are growing up without facilities for cultivating a thirst for knowledge. Every family should be supplied with good books and periodicals. Parents have not fulfilled their obligations to their children till they have placed these means of self-culture among the chief attractions of home life, and pastors and churches can not discharge their full duty to the people without press-

ing this matter with great emphasis and persistency. We invite the earnest attention of your body to this subject.

The proposition to encourage greater engagedness in christian work on the part of the female membership of the churches was duly considered, and a resolution was adopted and sent to all the Ladies' Aid Societies of our churches, recommending that the ladies of each church organize as seems to them advisable, engage in such activities as in each case they deem best, and report results to their own church. We are are unable to say what has been done on that line.

A. B. CAMPBELL, Ch'n.

The following motion was introduced by Bro. A. B. Campbell and adopted, and Bros. J. D. Murphree, W. H. Barnett, J. P. Wood and A. B. Campbell were appointed said committee:

Resolved, That a committee of three be now appointed to arrange the constitution and amendments and all resolutions intended to be of permanent force, also to revise the order of business, and report to the next session of this body for publication in its minutes.

The report of the Committee on Indigent Ministers was read and adopted.

REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS.

We, your Committee, on Deceased and Indigent Ministers, are glad to report that there have been no deaths in our Association during the year and that there are no Idigent Ministers.

H. A. McLANE.
J. R. TURNER. } Com.
J. T. GREEN.

On motion of Eld. J. L. Youngblood it was agreed that this Association now go into a memorial service in regard to the death of Eld. J. J. Macon, of the Salem Association, and some very feeling and appropriate remarks were made by Elds. J. L. Youngblood, A. B. Campbell, J. M. Loflin and S. O. Y. Ray.

The Committeee on Indigent Ministers were instructed to prepare a suitable memorial to be published in the minutes of this Association, and Eld. J. L. Youngblood and Bro. J. P. Wood were added to the committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

Elder J. J. Macon was never a member of any church of this Association, but, on account of his eminently useful career, we deem it fitting that this testimonial should have a place in our proceedings. He was born in East Tennessee, December 2nd, 1822. At the time of his death our esteemed brother was seventy-seven years of age. He came to this county in December, 1856, from Georgia. From that time, a space of forty-three years, he has constantly held forth the light of the gospel in undimmed brightness among the people of this section. His labors in the ministry were very extensive and always characterized by a thorough acquaintance with the scriptures and an uncompromising fidelity to their teachings. The Lord was pleased to crown the labors of his devoted servant with abundant fruits in the conversion of sinners and the spirtual upbuilding of saints. These labors were performed with but little earthly remuneration, but he was glad to preach the gospel to his fellowmen on whatever conditions the God of providence saw fit to appoint. But valuable as his services in the ministry were, perhaps the greatest results of his life are due to the influence of the singularly godly example he set before the people. In this particular he was indeed a mighty witness of the reality and power of the renewing grace of God. While uniting with his family and his many friends in mourning his departure, we heartily return thanks to God for the life that shone so long and resplendently with the glory of the gospel of Christ.

H. A. McLane.
J. L Youngblood. } Com.
J. P. Wood.

On motion the report on Sunday-schools made a special order for 4 o'clock this p. m.

The Committee on State and Home Missions and the Committe on Foreign Missions presented the following reports:

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, are informed that the Board of Missions in our State have two evangelists in the field—Brethren Preston and Sandlin—and that they are visiting churches trying to stir up the spirit of missions and liberality by holding Baptist rallies, &c., and they have done a good work. Besides the evangelists, we have about fifteen missionary pastors, who have also done faithful service. Our denomination has been very much in debt. In 1897 we owed for State Missions proper, $1.576.36, and 1.061.81 to Sunday-school Board at Nashville, and $415.12 to American Baptist Publication Society. We are glad to report these debts all paid.

Many noble brethren and sisters thoughout the State have made great sacrifices in the hard times through which we have passed to accomplish this good result.

For Home Mission Board the contributions for the year ending May 1st, 1898, was $4.560,40 in cash and merchandise, which is an increase of 74,45 over the year before. We notice an increased interest manifested on the part of our good sisters.

By reference to the statistics of Southern Baptist Convention of the year, we find we have 467 Missionaries in the field; that they have baptized 4739 converts; constituted 103 churches and 297 Sunday-schools; have sold and given away 4668 Bibles and Testaments, and distributed 1580741 pages tracts, which is an increase of the work last year.

So we are pleased to say the great work of Missions has increased in many places and decreased in none. We have glowing reports of the wonderful work being done in Cuba, but we have no statistics for the same.

In conclusion permit us to say that our Savior had the right to say, "Go Preach and Teach." Dear brethren, it is our duty to obey.

J. L. YOUNGBLOOD.
T. S. SANDERS. } Com.
J. S. CARROLL.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report for your consideration:

After investigating the subject we find so much that should be mentioned, that we are at a loss to know where to commence or where to close.

As the report will likely be printed in the minutes of the Association, it will necessarily have to be short. We will, therefore, confine ourselves mainly to the statistical and financial department of the work assigned us for publication in the minutes, and embrace other matters on the subject that we conceive to be of importance in an address accompanying the report.

The Southern Baptist Convention embraces fourteen States, one territory, and the District of Columbia, in which there are 735 associations, 18,701 churches, 11,691 preachers, and 1,674.363 white Baptists.

We find their contributions for the year ending May 1st, 1899, for foreign missions to be $109,267.43, being about 6½ cents per member.

We also find the Missionary Baptists, of the churches represented in

the Southern Baptist Convention, have in foreign fields 82 missionaries and 128 native assistants, 100 churches and 140 out stations, 3,347 members, 43 day schools with 1165 scholars, and 2,446 Sunday-school scholars. It is gratifying to learn that the native churches contributed during the year $7,110.20 to the cause of missions.

Contributions for foreign missions for the past year have fallen considerably behind those of several years past which can be accounted for because of the stringency of the times. We feel that our work should be greatly enlarged in the future, which can be done by increased zeal and more liberal contributions. This should be done, though we deny ourselves some home comforts, which is our reasonable duty.

Perhaps it would be interesting for our Association to know how much the Missionary Baptists of Alabama gave to the cause of foreign missions last year.

For the State your Committee report 1741 churches, 126,158 members, and 78 Associations, contributions to foreign missions $5,818.89, an average of about 4⅝ cents per member. Thus we find our own State far behind the general average. This fact should stimulate us to renewed energy, and beget in us a more liberal spirit in the way of giving to foreign missions.

Your committee hang their heads in shame for our own Association, when we have to report only $86.03 contributed by the churches for State, Home and Foreign Missions, during the year ending August last. The year before we contributed $227.69. Why this falling off? Because of this state of things, this luke-warmness or indifference on the part of our membership regarding missions, your Committee feel constrained to recommend that the churches composing the Troy Association, each for itself, see to it that an average of not less than 25 cents for each member be given for missions. This can be done and not embarrass any one.

Mathew T. Yates, forty years a missionary in China, said this: "If Christians could only see and feel that the spirit of missions is the very life and spirit of the gospel, and obligatory on all alike, it would be an easy matter for all our churches to average one dollar per member each year for foreign missions."

When we consider the fact that many give from $5.00 to $100.00 each, we are forced to the conclusion that a very large number give nothing. This should not be. Every one who claims to be a Missionary Baptist should possess a missionary spirit, and feel it his religious duty to contribute something to the cause of missions.

Perhaps it would be well to state that all the expenses of the Board, including collecting and distributing funds contributed to foreign missions, is about 15 cents on the dollar, 85 cents going directly to the missionaries in foreign lands.

When we sum up the progress made in the Christian religion since the days of Christ, we find much to encourage us to strive for greater achievements in the future.

Here are the figures:

Three centuries after Christ there were only 5,000,000 Christians in the world.

Eight centuries after Christ there were 30,000,000 Christians.

Ten centuries after Christ there were 50,000,000 Christians.

Fifteen centuries after Christ there were 100,000,000.

Eighteen centuries after Christ there were 174,000,000.

Now at the close of the 19th Century there are 450,000,000, or one-third of the population of the world. These figures include real and nominal Christians.

Thus you see the increase in the last hundred years has been more than the 1800 years preceding.

Another encouraging fact is, that the world is fast passing into the

hands of Christian people. Since the latest division of Africa among the European powers, about four-fifths of the territory of the world is under Christian control; yet two-thirds of the inhabitants of the earth remain in ignorance regarding the gospel of Jesus Christ. These people must be reached, and God is using his people for that purpose. We should feel that we are His instruments, and are being used by Him for His glory in bringing the world to Christ.

Our Heavenly Father, the God of Missions, has greatly blessed our work in foreign lands during the past years. We had a much larger number of converts baptized last year than in any former year, 845. Our missions generally are well organized, and the outlook is full of hope.

During the year ending May 1, 1899, our Southern Foreign Missionary Board appointed and sent to foreign fields 18 missionaries, all of whom are well qualified for the work. During the same time nine have retired, and one has died, Rev. C. D. McCarthy, of Brazil, who died of yellow fever last February.

Your Committee take very great pleasure in reporting our denominational debts paid. We are now out of debt, which has not been the case before in a great many years. Through the liberality of the Baptists of Alabama about $38,000.00 of indebtedness has been discharged within the last six months.

JOEL D. MURPHREE.
N. A. ADAMS. } Com.
R. B. PARKS.

After reading the report on Missions, the hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Eld. Geo. B. Eager, of Montgomery, preached a most excellent sermon on missions, from 1 Corinthians, 12:31; Math. 5:17. After the sermon Bro. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the State Board of Missions, addressed the Association and took up a collection for missions which amounted to $15,60 and the discussion on the report on missions continued until the afternoon session. The Association then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Association was called to order, and adjourned until 2 40 p. m.

2 40 p. m., the Association was called to order. Prayer by Bro. I. A. White.

Bro. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary State Board of Missions, was enrolled as a correspondent.

The discussion of the reports on missions was resumed, and discussed by Bro. J. D. Murphree, Elds. W. B. Crumpton, L. H. Bowles, and the reports of the Committes were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was postponed until tomorrow morning, and made a special order for 10 o'clock.

The following motion was introduced by Eld. L. H. Bowles and adopted:

That a Committee of five be appointed to suggest to this Association what amount we shall contribute to our different causes for the next year, and that the amount

be apportioned among the churches of this Association. Bro. W. H. Barnett, M. A. Wood, H. A. McLane, Joel D. Murphree and C. C. King were appointed said Committee.

The report of the Committee of 10 from this Association, and 10 from the Salem Association looking to the consolidation of said Associations read and, on motion, the suggestion and recommendation in said report were unanimously adopted by this Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION.

Troy, Alabama, October 11th, 1899.

The two committees, one from the Salem and the other from the Troy Aosociation, met in joint conference, and on motion Bro. M. N. Carlisle was called to the Chair, and Bro. W. B. Darby to act as Secretary.

After an informal discussion, on motion of Bro. J. M. Loflin it was unanimously agreed that the churches of the two Associations unite into one to be called The Pike County Baptist Asoociation.

It was further agreed that the churches composing the two Associations be earnestly recommended to ratify the joint action of the two Committees, and those ratifying such action be requested to send delegates, corresponding in number to those they send to their respective Associations, to a convention to be held with the Troy church on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in March, 1900, for the purpose of consolidating said Asssociations.

It was further agreed that the proceedings of the two Committees be published in the Troy Messenger and that the Secretary forward a copy of same to each church of both Associations.

W. B. DARBY, Sec'y. M. N. CARLISLE, Ch'n.

The Association adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

Reassembled at 7:30 p. m. After listening to a very able and instructive sermon from Eld. A. P. Pugh, of Union Springs, from John 1:4, the Association resumed its business.

The following standing committees for next year were appointed:

Home and State Mis ions—Eld. J. W. Dickinson, Bros. J. B. Anderson, W. H. Griggs.

Foreign Missions—Eld. L. H. Bowles, Bros. C. C. King, J. H. Adams.

Sunday Schools—Eld. J. S. Yarbrough, Bros. E. S. Whaley, W. H. Vance.

Temperance—Bros. O. C. Wiley, J. R. Turner, J. A. Chancey.

Education—Bros. E. M. Shackleford, H. A. McLane, J. H. Pinckard.

Orphanage—Bros. W. H. Barnett, J. J. Cotton, J. T. Green.

Indigent and Deceased Ministers—Bros. M. A. Wood, F. B. Williams, H. A. Patterson.

The Committee on Temperance made its report and, after discussion by Elds. S. O. Y. Ray, J. M. Loflin, I. A.

White, Bros. J. S. Carroll, W. C. Jordan, M. N. Carlisle and Rev. H. T. Johnson, it was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance wish to report that after carefully considering the subject, can truthfully say that the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is on the decrease. That only at the county site are liquors sold publicly. That the people outside of Troy have turned their backs on the traffic and we no longer hear of cross roads grogshops, they are things of the past and we sincerely hope never to return. We regret to have to say that the liquor curse has taken on another form in our county which, if not checked, will do our people an immense amount of harm and incalculable injury, especially to our boys now approaching manhood. We refer to what is known as moonshine stills. The making of rum on the sly and in violation of law, and placing it in reach of those in sympathy with their nefarious work, and through them leading our young men astray, and contracting in them the habit of indulging in strong drinks. It behooves the heads of families, and the advocates of good morals every where to use their influence in bringing these pests of society to the notice of our courts that the lovers of sobriety and good government may be protected.

Glad to report that after this year the old time doggery ceases to exist in our county.

JOEL D. MURPHREE, Ch'n.

The Association then adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and, after singing hymn 263, was led in prayer by Bro. H. A. McLane.

Minutes were read and approved.

On call for correspondents the following were enrolled: Bro. E. M. Starke, Centennial Association, and Bro. Lee Jones, Montgomery Association.

On motion it was agreed that the address of Bro. J. D. Murphree on Missions before the Association be published in pamphlet form and sent to the different churches for distribution, Bro. J. P. Wood agreeing to raise the necessary funds to pay for printing same.

The Committee on Nominations made their report and it was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations ask leave to report:

To preach Introductory Sermon, J. W. Dickinson.

To preach Missionary Sermon, A. B. Campbell.

Delegates to Alabama Baptist State Convention—A. B. Campbell, N. C. Underwood, J. W. Dickinson, J. D. Murphree, J. L. Youngblood, H. A. McLane, W. H. Barnett, A. B. Foster, J. P. Hubbard.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—A. B. Campbell, N. C. Underwood.

Executive Committee—A. B. Campbell, J. D. Murphree, H. C. Thornton, H. A. McLane, W. H. Barnett.

W. H. BARNETT, Ch'n.

The Committee on Requests and Documents made their report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

We, your Committee on Documents and Requests, beg leave to report that after considering the requests of the different churches for the next session of this Association, recommend that the next session be held with Mt. Pleasant church.

H. A. McLane, Ch'n.

On motion, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1900, was set for time of meeting.

The Committee on Education made its report through its chairman, Eld. A. B. Campbell, and after discussion by Bro. E. M. Shackleford, Elds. A. P. Pugh, I. A. White, L. H. Bowles, A. B. Campbell and A. J. Preston, was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is with great pleasure your Committee report that Howard College, at East Lake, and Judson Institute, at Marion, have been entirely relieved of the debts that oppressed them and embarressed their operations for years, and have recently opened their sessions with an unusually large patronage and every prospect of a highly prosperous year. Both these institutions deserve the united and generous support of the people, and especially the Baptists of Alabama. A large endowment would enable each of them to far surpass the magnificent record it has made in by gone years, and we trust that this additional means will be provided in due time. We heartily commend these institutions to the favor of all who have sons and daughters to educate.

With reference to religious influence on the undenominational schools of the state we remark: The Christian sentiment is so strongly among the masses of our population, a man or woman who is openly hostile to Christianity could hardly find countenance as a teacher. In fact nearly all the teachers in the schools of Alabama, of whatever grade, are either professed Christians or notably respectful toward the principles of Christianity.

We take pleasure in reporting indications of a growing interest in the education of the youth of the land. The people generally are sending their children to school and are demanding better facilities for their education. We trust our Baptist people will continue to lend their influence to the furtherance of this cause.

But we ought not to be content with what is done in the school room for the education of our children. Most heartily should we co-operate with the teachers in their efforts, but we should also supply our homes with books and periodicals and encourage the boys and girls in family circles to do the best they can for themselves in the way of self education. The mind is too vast a part of man's being to be treated with neglect. Every child with or without the aid of a professional instructor, should be urged to do whatever is possible toward the development of the mind.

We are highly gratified to note that the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., under its new President, Rev. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, opens its present session with a large attendance of students, and is believed to be destined to a more splendid career than it has attained in the past. Your Committee desires to emphasize the importance of ministerial education. It is of the utmost importance to the

efficiency of the churches, the influence of the pulpit in our country, and the speedy dissimination of the gospel in the world. We ought to use every lawful means to constrain our young ministry to make the best improvement of their native powers, and freely help them to that end.

A. B. CAMPBELL.
J. H. ADAMS. } Com.
W. H. BARNETT.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made its report, which was adopted after discussion by Elds. L. H. Bowles, A. J. Preston, A. B. Campbell.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report on Sunday-schools, beg leave to submit the following:

We are glad to note the growing interest in the churches of our Association of the Sunday-school cause; all of the churches of this Association, with one exception, have had Sunday-schools for a greater part of the past year, with an increased attendance. They all use the literature of our Southern Baptist Sunday-school Board.

The Sunday-school has become one of the prime necessities in our religous system, and is recognized as one of the greatest agencies for teaching the word of God, and the inculcation of Baptist principles.

Baptists from the beginning of the modern Sunday-school movement, have been prominent in the work, and have furnished some of the most successful leaders in this great cause; the working out of the plan of the International series of lessons, was by a prominent Baptist, and our two publishing houses, the American Baptist Publication Society, and our own Southern Baptist Sunday-school Board, are distributing as many or possibly more copies of the Sunday-school quarterlies than any other institution of like character in the world.

The growth of our Southern Baptist Sunday-school Board's publishing department, which is only about nine years old has been phenomenal —starting with only a few hundred dollars borrowed capital, it now has an annual income of over $67,000,00, out of which it has purchased a handsome property, and laid aside a large reserved fund, that assures its financial success for the future.

The merely nominal cost of our literature has made it possible for our people to get such aids in the study of the Bible as would be impossible otherwise, and all Christians should rejoice at the fact, and avail themselves of these grand and gracious opportunities.

Notwithstanding the improvements made in the methods of Bible study, and the cheap and easily accessible aids to it, and furthermore to the increased interest in the Sunday-school work, and the wonderful addition to the ranks of Bible students, in this land of churches and Bibles, it is a sad fact to contemplate that the great majority of professed Baptists in our state, are not engaged in this work.

Our best state statistics show not exceeding one half of our churches maintaining Sunday-schools, and not exceeding one third of the membership having any connection with them. It is however a hopeful earnest of the future that a large majority of the Sunday-school scholars are children, assuring us of a better state of things for the next generation

L. H. BOWLES, Ch'n.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. A. B. Campbell and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association highly appreciate the valuable service rendered by our beloved brother, L. H. Bowles, as Sunday-

school Evangelist, and earnestly request him to continue his work in that capacity. We commend him heartily to the full confidence and co-operation of all the friends of the cause.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. A. B. Campbell and adopted:

Resolved, also, That we recommend our people to order their Bibles and other literatue, as far as practicable, from our Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, in preference to every other publication house.

The Committee on Apportionment made the following report and it was adopted:

REPORT OF APPORTIONING COMMITTEE.

We, the Special Committee appointed to report what amount this Association should give to the different causes for the next year and to apportion the same among the churches, submit the following report:

Troy,	$300	Good Hope,	$ 25	Hepzibah,	$ 30
Salem,	100	Siloam,	25	Mt. Pleasant,	10
Shiloh,	30	Friendship,	10	Ansley,	15
Orion,	20	Bethlehem,	10		
			Total, - -		$ 575.00

W. H. Barnett, Ch'n.

The Finance Committee presented their report, and it was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report:

From Mt. Pleasant Church:
Total amount contributed $99.50
Paid out as follows:
For Sunday School ..... $ 6.00
" Missions 5.00
" Pastor's Salary 75.00
" Minutes 1.50
" Repairs on Church ..... 12.00—$99.50

From Siloam Church:
Total amount received $259.52
Paid out as follows:
For Missions ..... $ 20.35
" Pastor's Salary 160.00
" Literature 3.20
" Minutes 1.50
" Expenses 68.45
" Repairs ..... 6.00—$259.52

From Hephzibah Church:
Total amount received $114.10
Misssions ..... $ 2.50
Pastor's Salary 100.00
Minutes 1.60
Incidental Expenses 10.00

From Shiloh Church:
Total amount collected.....$158.20
Paid out as follows:
Missions.....$ 21.20
Pastor's Salary..... 125.00
Minutes..... 2.50
Incidental Expenses..... 9.50

From Orion Church:
Received for all purposes.....$122.55
Paid out as follows:
Missions.....$ 16.00
Pastor's Salary..... 100.00
Literature..... 2.55
Minutes..... 1.50
Incidental..... 2.50

From Salem Church:
Received as follows:
From Sunday School.....$ 34.73
Ladies' Aid Society..... 80.20
Church contributed..... 590.94—$705.87
Paid out as follows:
Salary.....$400.00
Missions..... 99.59
Minutes..... 3.00
Charity..... 2.50
Church repairs..... 58.60
Incidentals..... 96.35
Orphans' Home..... 23.90
Literature..... 21.93

From Ansley Church:
Amount contributed.....$10.00
Paid out as follows:
For Missions.....$ 2.85
Orphans' Home..... 6.15
Minutes..... 1.00—$10.00

From Good Hope Church:
Contributed.....$11.50
Paid out as follows:
Missions.....$10.00
Minutes..... 1.50

From Bethlehem Church:
Received for all purposes.....$2.10
Paid out as follows:
Missions.....$ 3.70
Minutes..... 1.00

From Friendship Church:
Received for all purposes.....$2.10
Paid out as follows:
Missions.....$ 1.10
Minutes..... 1.00

From Troy Church:
Total amount received as follows:
From Ladies' Aid Society.....$ 315.89
" Ladies' Exchange..... 110.00
" Sunday School..... 175.11
Contributed by Church..... 2,086.09—$2,687.09

Paid out as follows:

Coal, lights, sexton, charity and other incidentals	$ 344.89
Repairs on church property	8.50
Ministerial education	10.00
Greensboro church	120.00
Missions	160.00
State Denominational Debt	227.50
Minutes	11.85
Pastor's salary	1,400.00
Orphan's Home	40.00
Paid on Pastorum	280.00
Insurance on church	84.35

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. CARROLL,
M. A. WOOD, } Com.
W. F. BEARD,

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to turn over all the minute funds to the Clerk.

The following resolution introduced by Bro. W. H. Barnett was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are tendered the First church and citizens of Troy for the kind and hospitable entertainment of our body during this session of this Association.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

Received as follows for Minutes:

Ansley	$ 1.00	
Shiloh	2.50	
Friendship	1.00	
Troy	11.85	
Good Hope	1.50	
Hephzibah	1.60	
Salem	3.00	
Bethlehem	1.00	
Siloam	1.60	
Orion	1.50	
Mt. Pleasant	1.50	$28.00

M. A. WOOD, DR.

For Orphans' Home	$14.75	
" Institute Board	4.71	
" Missions	15.60	$25.06

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By voucher G. S. Anderson	$ 4.71	
" W. B. Crumpton	15.60	
" John W. Stewart	14.75	$25.06
For Minutes	$28.05	

M. A. WOOD, Treasurer.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to retain $5.00 of

the minute fund for his services, and balance to be used in printing and distributing minutes.

After reading, correcting and adopting the minutes the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Pleasant church on Tuesday after the first Monday in October, 1900.

N. C. UNDERWOOD, Moderator.

JOSIAH JERNIGAN, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Services.
2. Read Church Letters.
3. Introductory Sermon.
4. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
5. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Receive applications from churches for membership.
8. Appoint committees to report during session:
    1. On Religious Exercises.
    2. On Finance.
    3. On Documents and Requests.
    4. On Nominations.
9. Call for Correspondence.
10. Read Rules of Order.
11. Report of Standing Committees in their regular order.
12. Report of Special Committees.
13. Return Correspondence.
14. Election of Executive Committee.
15. Appoint Committees to report next meeting
    1. On State and Home Missions.
    2. On Foreign Missions.
    3. On Sunday Schools.
    4. On Temperance.
    5. On Education.
    6. On Colportage.
    7. On Baptist Orphanage.
    8. On Deceased Ministers.
    9. On Indigent Ministers.
16. Treasurer's Report.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Verify List of Messengers.
19. Arrange for Printing Minutes.
20. Correct Minutes and Adjourn.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY.

OFFICERS:

N. C. UNDERWOOD, Moderator, - - - Brundidge, Ala.
JOSIAH JERNIGAN, Clerk, - - - - Troy, Ala.
M. A. WOOD, Treasurer, - - - - Barrs Mill, Ala.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. Executive Committee—A. B. Campbell, Chairman.
2. Home and State Missions—Eld. J. W. Dickinson, Bros. J. B. Anderson, W. H. Griggs.
3. Foreign Missions—Eld. L. H. Bowles, Bros. C. C. King, J. H. Adams.
4. Sunday Schools—Eld. J. S. Yarbrough, Bros. E. S. Whaley, W. H. Vance.
5. Temperance—Bros. O. C. Wiley, J. R. Turner, J. A. Chancey.
6. Education—Bros. E. M. Shackelford, H. A. McLane, J. H. Pinckard.
7. Orphanage—Bros. W. H. Barnett, J. J. Cotton, J. T. Green.
8. Indigent and Deceased Ministers—Bros. M. A. Wood, F. B. Williams, H. A. Patterson.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder L. H. Bowles,.....Troy, Ala.
" J. L. Youngblood,.....Troy, "
" A. B. Campbell,.....Troy, "
" W. G. Sullivant,.....Timothy, "
" R. P. Copeland,.....Brundidge, "
" N. C. Underwood,.....Brundidge, "
" J. S. Yarbrough,.....Orion, "
" H. W. Griggs,.....Linwood, "

Next meeting to be held with Mt. Pleasant church, Linwood, Ala., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1900.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.							FINANCES.										
	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Paid for Missions	Ministerial Education	Orphanage	Pastor's Salary	Church Expenses	Minutes	Greensboro Church	To Pay Denominational Debt	Total for Each Church	Value of Church Property
Hephzibah	....	2	....	6	....	1	78	$ 2 50	.....	....	$ 100 00	$10 00	$ 1 60	.....	.....	$ 114 10	$ 800 00
Mt. Pleasant	16	8	....	6	....	....	86	5 00	.....	....	75 00	12 10	1 50	.....	.....	93 60	500 00
Ansley	1	1	....	3	....	....	40	2 85	.....	6 15	70 00	509 00	1 00	.....	.....	527 00	500 00
Orion	1	1	....	....	....	....	51	16 00	.....	....	100 00	5 05	1 50	.....	.....	122 55	1000 00
Salem	25	11	...	12	...	10	191	74 59	25 00	....	400 00	98 85	3 00	.....	.....	601 44	.....
Shiloh	....	1	1	4	....	....	140	21 20	.....	....	125 00	9 50	2 50	.....	.....	158 20	.....
Siloam	17	8	....	1	...	1	69	20 35	.....	....	160 00	77 67	1 50	.....	.....	259 52	600 00
Good Hope	12	7	2	2	....	....	95	10 00	.....	....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	11 50	800 00
Friendship	....	....	....	....	....	....	56	1 10	.....	..	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	2 10	.....
Troy	67	14	....	15	....	3	455	110 00	10 00	....	1400 00	190 35	11 85	120 00	227 50	2069 70	21300 00
Bethlehem	....	2	1	2	....	....	34	3 70	.....	....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	4 70	300 00
GRAND TOTALS	139	55	4	51		15	1295	267 29	35 00	6 15	2430 00	912 52	27 95	120 00	227 50	3964 41	25800 00

Contribution by Troy Baptist Sunday-school—amount due J. S. Carroll, $27,27. Insurance on church property $84,31. Literature $114.27. Total $244,89.
Contributed by Ladies Aid Society—Pastorium debt $2,20. Charity and incidentals $2250. Orphanage $40. Total $282,50.
Contributed by Ladies Exchange—Pastorium debt $60. Missionary box sent Dewey Indian Territory $50. Total $110.
Contributed by Salem church Sunday-school—Orphanage $2,30. Literature $21,93. Total $24,23.
Contributed by Ladies Aid Society—Orphanage $21,66. Church expenses $58,60. Total $80,26.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CHURCH CLERKS.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS.
Hephzibah	———Burks, Brantley	E. A. McPherson, Troy	L. E. Whaley, Troy
Mt. Pleasant	J. A. Jenkins	L. W. Williams, Linwood	J. O. Browder, Linwood
Ansley	J. M. Loflin, Henderson	J. T. McLeod, Ansley	
Orion	J. W. Dickinson, China Grove	W. G. Chancey, Orion	W. G. Chanchey, Orion
Salem	N. C. Underwood, Brundidge	H. C. Pierson, Brundidge	J. R. Shepherd, Brundidge
Shiloh	J. W. Dickinson, China Grove	J. R. Turner, Barr's Mill	M. A. Wood, Barrs Mills
Siloam	J. W. Dickinson, China Grove	Loyd Head, China Grove	T. L. Head, China Grove
Good Hope	A. B. Metcalf	R. L. Motes, Worthy	
Friendship		F. M. Sullivant, Raif	
Troy	A. B. Campbell, Troy	Joel D. Murphree, Troy	J. S. Carroll, Troy
Bethlehem	J. H. Stephens	J. H. Pinkard, Brundidge	